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Ly was formally invited to testify before the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom** in February 2001 but the Vietnamese government denied him permission to leave the country. Instead, he submitted written testimony urging the United States to draw back from a U.S.-Vietnamese trade pact because of human rights abuses in Vietnam.

Ly was officially released from prison in January 2005 along with 8,300 prisoners just before the February lunar New Year holiday. But he was re-arrested in 2007 and returned to jail this last time.